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10. Madhya Pradesh	2378
11. Maharashtra	385
12. Manipur	*58*
13. Meghalaya	104
14. Nagaland	123
15. Orissa	866
16. Punjab	
17. Rajasthan	713
18. ?Sikkim	30
19. Tamil Nadu	
20. Tripura	118
21. Uttar Pradesh	2817
22. West Bengal	841
TOTAL :	13196

Relief to drug- consumers

2697. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention ha$_3$ been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times Evening News On 7th March, 1988 under the heading "Drug Unit reliefs of little use to consumers";

(b) whether it i$_s$ a fact that Category I drugs have been exempted from excise duty in the proposed budget;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these drugs are used mainly for the National Health Programme;

(d) whether it is also a fact that more than 90 per cent of the medicines based on these drug$_s$ are purchased by the Ministry of Health; and

(e) whether it is. also a fact that there will be very little relief to the consumer whereas by levying of excise duty o$_n$ othe$_r$ drugs there will be a heavy burden, apart from steep increases in the prices of essential medicines upto 300 per cent during the last two monthsT

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Category I constats of drugs for National Health Programme identified by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(e) No, Sir.

Bulk Drags for Selvigon Tablets

2698. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unatarred Question 1198 given, itt the